



Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
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The Honorable Rosa DeLauro, Chair
House Appropriations Committee
Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Kay Granger, Ranking Member
House Appropriations Committee
Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

I am requesting funding for a marine research vessel and associated equipment in fiscal year 2022.

The entity to receive funding for this project is St. Mary's College of Maryland, located at 47645 College Drive, St. Mary's City, Maryland 20686.

The funding would be used to acquire a research vessel and associated equipment to support its roll-out of a new Marine Sciences program. The addition of a research vessel will enable SMCM students and faculty to pursue educational and research activities related to the rapidly changing global environment linked to climate change as well as the impact the State's aquatic resources have on the economy, environment and overall quality of life of Marylanders.

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project. With warmest regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

STENY H. HOYER
HOUSE MAJORITY LEADER